

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Duncan Robert ARMOUR  
International Application No.: PCT/EP99/10000  
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Title: Compounds Useful In The Treatment of Inflammatory Diseases

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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry in the US National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT. Please insert the following amendments in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121.

In the Abstract:

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b)

In the Specification:

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

--This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. **PCT/EP99/10000** filed **16 December 1999**, which claims priority from **GB9828074.6** filed **18 December 1998** in the United Kingdom--

In the Claims:

*Please cancel claims 1-28 currently on file and replace with the following claims 29-55:*

29. A compound of formula I: